such State. The members of the State Judicial Service are governed by these rules and regulations.

With regard to corruption in higher judiciary, articles 124(4) and 217(1) of the Constitution of India provide that a Judge of the Supreme Court/High Court may be removed on the ground of proved misbehaviour or incapacity in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Constitution.

Pending cases in various Courts

1579. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that measures, so far, taken to clear the huge arrears of pending cases in various courts in the country, have not yielded the desired results;

(b) if so, the present situation of such cases, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider amendments to the existing laws to ensure early dispensation of justice?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITELY): (a) No, Sir. The pendency of cases in the Supreme Court of India has registered a substantial decline, from 1,04,936 cases as on 31.12.1991 to 58,794 cases as on 1.1.1994 and to 22,551 cases as on 22.2.2002. Thus, the Supreme Court has already brought down its pendency to a manageable level.

However, similar measures underway in the High Courts have yet to yield resutls in respect of pendency of cases in the High Courts, where over 35 lakh cases are pending as on date. The pendency in Subordinate/District Judiciary has stabilized at the level of around 2. crore cases due to various measures adopted including implementation of directions of the Supreme Court in various cases like Common Cause vs Union of India and other & R.D. Upadhyay *Vs* State of Andhra Pradesh and others.

(b) As per latest available information, the position of pendency of cases State-wise in the Subordinate Judiciary is at the Statement *(See* below)

(c) Both the Government and Judiciary have endeavoured constantly to bring about improvements in the functioning of courts

with a view to simplifying procedures and delivering cost-effective and speedy justice. Government has proposed various remedial measures to provide fast, cost effective and fair justice to the countrymen. These include, the setting up of Fast Track Courts, Computerisation and networking of Courts to bring about speed and efficiency in Court work, amendment of Civil Procedure Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure. The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Act, 1999 has been passed by Parliament. The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill 2000, and the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994 are pending consideration of Parliament. The Government has recently appointed a committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Justice V.S. Malimath, to suggest measures for revamping the Criminal Justice System.

Statement

State-wise pendency of cases in the District/Subordinate Courts

SI. No.	Name of StatesUTs	As on	Civil	Criminal	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	06/2000	523149	368472	891621
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	06/99	331	1469	1800
3.	Assam	06/2000	47644	114900	162544
4.	Bihar	06/2000	253782	1023614	1277396
5.	Goa	12/2000	26338	12147	38485
6.	Gujarat	06/2000	659723	2544144	3203867
7.	Haryana	12/98	201656	293145	494801
8.	Himachal Pradesh	12/2000	72470	70541	143011
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	12/99	43418	82596	126014
10.	Karnataka	06/2000	664386	400500	1064886
11.	Kerala	06/2000	223489	405020	628509
12.	Madhya Pradesh	06/2000	353745	988530	1342275
13.	Maharashtra	06/2000	862517	1867552	2730069
14.	Manipur	12/99	4524	3614	8138
15.	Meghalaya	12/99	1561	11322	12883
16.	Mizoram	12/2000	817	986	1803

SI. No.	Name of Statcs/UTs	As on	Civil	Criminal	Total
17.	Nagaland	(Not available)			
18.	Orissa	06/2000	135189	541633	676822
19.	Punjab	12/98	201118	174094	375212
20.	Rajasthan	06/2000	282988	565560	848548
21.	Sikkim	12/98	467	1352	1819
22.	Tamil Nadu	06/2000	545657	279136	824793
23.	Tripura	06/2000	6492	12428	18920
24.	Uttar Pradesh	06/2000	1083451	23697191	3480642
25.	West Bengal	12/99	473325	861754	1335079
26.	And. & Nicobar	12/99	580	26790	27370
27.	Chandigarh	12/8	12961	32206	45167
28.	Dadra & N. Havcli	06/2000	326	1238	1564
29.	Daman & Diu	12/2000	642	742	1384
30.	Delhi	12/2000	153261	392705	545966
31.	Lakshadweep.	12/2000	87	104	191
32.	Pondichcrry	12/2000	6306	7871	14177
	TOTAL		6842400	13483356	20325756

Issue of certified copies of documents

1580. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people arc not getting certified copies of documents allowed under Section 610 of the Companies Act because they arc not registered/not taken on record;

(b) if so, why these documents arc not taken on record/registered for years by ROC's; and

(c) the steps being taken to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 610 of the Companies Act, 1956, any person may inspect